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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: 14 May 1958

SUBJECT : ORR - OSI Coordination of Requirements.

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25X1A9a   1. I met with ████████ this morning, at my request, to discuss the general subject of OSI-ORR requirements coordination. The conversation covered: a joint ORR-OSI list of international conferences and exchanges; requirements; coordination problems in the fields of guided missiles, electronics, aircraft and chemicals; coordination between research analysts of the two offices; the use of liaison services in separate clandestine collection; developments in the State Department's Science Attache Program and present organization of the collection staff of OSI.

2. A Joint List of Conferences and Exchanges. Walt felt that there should be no problem in combining the two lists and we both agreed that it should facilitate reporting in advance of the meetings. OSI uses categories, some of which will duplicate ours, to designate their conferences. The categories include conferences from which OSI wishes to receive any published and readily available material, conferences in which OSI will have an interest only if Soviet Bloc representatives attend, conferences in which OSI has a great enough interest to request that specific sources be developed to attend, and an annual list of about eight conferences in which OSI has such a great interest that all available planning and sources should be used. This latter list is used specifically by the DD/P as well as other collectors.

3. Coordination of Requirements. We both acknowledged the regretable decline in contacts between research analysts of our respective Offices since OSI has moved from the immediate vicinity of ORR. Today, this contact is missed particularly in such fields as electronics, guided missiles, aircraft and chemicals. I told Walt that St/I/R attempts to assure coordination between the analysts of both offices before we issue an ORR requirement on these subjects.

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If there is some question in St/I/R as to whether close coordination by the author of a spontaneous requirement is necessary, the requirements officer will make a telephone check with a member of the OSI Support Branch. [ ] 25X1A9a agreed that on these subjects both offices probably want to know everything regardless of basic research responsibilities. In most instances either the OSI analysts or a member of Support Branch has checked in ORR concerning the broader requirements issued by OSI on these subjects. However, he will specifically remind members of his branch to be sure that such requirements are either coordinated by the analysts or a phone check is made with St/I/R. This will be done on those spontaneous requirements originating in OSI, of which there are relatively few. (NOTE: Starting this week OCR will provide St/I/R with two information copies of each OSI requirement sent through them. One copy will be sent to the ORR branch concerned.)

4. Coordination of Solicited Requirements. A large number of the OSI requirements on subjects of interest to ORR are prepared for deadlines as solicited requirements. It would prove difficult to coordinate each of these requirements among ourselves before forwarding them to the collector. As a result, both offices must assume that they are being notified by the various collectors of all available, interesting sources. Although this is happening in nearly all cases, I will attempt to visit the Scientific Branch of OO/C and FI/SOD to be sure that these central points are fully aware of ORR's current interest in scientific sources.

5. OSI Support of Liaison Services for Clandestine Collection. The collection staff has just about decided to assign one man on a full-time basis to work with FI and the DD/P in developing liaison services as sources of intelligence. He will make sure that any useful scientific material is made 25X1X7 available to the various liaison services and will in some instances actually prepare material for passing through liaison. [ ]

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6. Science Attaches. OSI does not expect much to be done in this program until the new Science Advisor's term is up after one year in State. Meanwhile, the Science Advisor is taking a direct hand in preparing recommendations for the Department concerning East-West Exchanges. A member of the OSI collection staff spends a considerable portion of his time working in the office of the Science Advisor. In this way OSI feels it is getting an intelligence viewpoint on scientific exchanges directly into the Department of State.

7. Subject Country Guide. Walt mentioned that he was attempting to have someone on the staff devise a special requirement by subject to be available in the field for emergency use and for guidance in developing sources. As he described the planned document, it sounded very much like our Subject Country Guides. I told him that we had made quite a survey for our own purposes and had gradually evolved a format which is proving very satisfactory. He is quite interested in our experience and will have his man get in touch with [ ] for details when they go to work.

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████████ Chief of the Staff. ████████ is a special assistant to the Chief 25X1A9a
and now spends full time traveling about following up scientific research to
obtain leads for the preparation of technical collection gadgets. He did the
basic work on a number of the gadgets being developed by the military services
for guided missile intelligence, in particular. One small branch is the
equivalent of SI/C in ORR with a couple of added special projects. Support
Branch is the largest part of the staff and consists of approximately thirteen
members. This branch serves as an OSI reading panel (I'm not sure if it
handles all the documents.) and provides various types of collection support
included in the processing of requirements. They have three men working full
time on international conferences and exchanges, and as I mentioned above,
are contemplating adding one man for work with DD/P foreign liaison. ████████
acts as deputy to ████████, Chief of the Support Branch.   25X1A9a
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        9.   My Conclusions. I feel it was a very satisfactory meeting and it
should be possible as well as profitable for me to maintain continuing con-
25X1A9a tacts with ████████ In coordinating requirements, the staffs of both Offices
should strongly encourage regular contacts and coordination among the research
analysts of the Offices. In many instances the Staffs will serve only as
middlemen, having to bring the analysts together after a problem has arisen
which might have been settled quickly and earlier with a little check by the
analysts. Regular contact on subjects of mutual interest should be of even
more value in improving research.

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